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PRODUCTION OF FOODGRAIN IN KARNATAKA
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the foodgrain production in the kharif season in Karnataka has come down drastically during the current season;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the State Government has requested for Central assistance in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the reaction of the Union Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) & (b): As per the 2nd Advance Estimates released on 05.02.2007, foodgrains production in the kharif season in Karnataka during 2006-07 is estimated at 6.94 million tonnes compared to 9.74 million tonnes during kharif 2005-06, showing a fall of 2.80 million tonnes due to drought in several parts of the State.

(c) to (e): The State Government declared drought in 128 Mandals during 2006-07 and sought assistance of Rs. 1262.95 crore from the National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) and 5.74 lakh tonnes of foodgrains for relief employment. An Inter-Ministerial Central Team visited the State for assessment of the situation and based on its recommendations, the Union Government approved Rs. 74.48 crore from NCCF and 1.00 lakh tonnes of rice for relief employment.